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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

This is our fourth edition of the Pathfinder for the 2022-2023 school year. Our students are diligently working in their classes as the 3rd nine weeks has begun. This is a time to solidify their grades after the first semester. We have numerous opportunities on campus for students to grow academically. We offer in school supports as well as after school tutoring. Our teachers are always willing to meet with parents or students to help support success.

Attendance is crucial during this time as our students work hard to complete course work. Please visit your parent portal for up-to-date information regarding your student's grades and attendance. For more information on how to use the parental portal, please visit <https://parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net/>. Did you know you can set alerts to get emails when your student is absent, tardy, or missed an assignment? You can also get a weekly progress report emailed directly to your phone.

Our curriculum team and master scheduler are working hard to schedule courses for next year. Please be patient with counselors as they meet with students and begin to plan for next year. For your convenience, a detailed program of study can be found on our web site <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/domain/1370>. This is a great tool for creating a four- year academic plan. Start the conversation now with your student regarding classes for next year.

Our spring student athletes are providing some exciting sporting events, come out and join us. The weather is great, and the

excitement is high. Recently, several of our student athletes signed their letters of intent at our national signing day. I have enjoyed watching so many games and teams compete. To see a complete listing of our upcoming sporting events, check out. <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/3026>.

Our Performing arts department will host our first musical, Legally Blonde. Please join us April 4th-7th at 7pm in the VPAC. Please check out our spring orchestra concert on May 12th starting at 6pm. Our students and teachers have worked extremely hard to provide quality shows.

I would be remiss if I did not take this time to thank the VHS family (staff, students, and parents) as well as our community for the well wishes and kindness during my recent hospital stay. I am very grateful for everyone's support as I have been back at work. During my experience, I saw firsthand the many careers and opportunities that a valuable education can provide our students. In a large hospital setting, I was able to think about the importance education plays in all the staff. From the doctors, nurses, dieticians, technicians, and support staff, they all shared one thing in common. Their careers started with a high school diploma. Our staff here at VHS want to make sure that our students at get these same opportunities.

Best Regards,

Zoltan Kerestely
Principal



Venice High School Resources

**Student and Family Handbook
Code of
Student Conduct**

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548

**Equity Handbooks for Employees/Applicants & Students
Located on the district website under
*Human Resources / Equity***

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2613

GUIDANCE CORNER



Guidance News

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be starting soon. Students will be meeting with their counselors to discuss 4 year plans, Bright Futures requirements, course progression plans, etc.

If you are a current sophomore and you are interested in becoming an IB DP or IB CP student your junior year, then please see Mrs. Bartlett in the 3rd floor Admin Suite.

Please remember that your report card GPA is not the same as your Bright Futures GPA. Current sophomores and juniors—there are new NCAA requirements for your classes.

Please see your counselor or coach for the new requirements.

Seniors—make sure your transcript is correct and that you have the classes you need for graduation.

The graduating class of 2023 will need to make sure that they have met the 26 credit requirement and have passed the FSA ELA, passed the Algebra 1 EOC and have taken the Geometry, Biology, and US History EOC. The 2023 graduates will also need to have an online course and at least a 2.0 gpa.

- A-CI Mrs. Wolfe
- Co-G Mrs. Hopper
- H-Le Mr. Bartlett
- Li-O Mrs. Bartlett
- P-Sk Mrs. Slaton
- SI-Z Ms. Taylor



DRESS CODE GUIDE

WORKING AS ONE FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALL

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Minimum standard of dress code is expected. The principal's decision or principal designees on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Please check with your school for all additional dress code guidelines.

SKIRTS, DRESSES & SHORTS



Must be worn above the hips/Rips are allowed below mid-thigh
Inseam & out-seam must be below mid-thigh

SHIRTS & TOPS



Straps must be minimum of 1 inch
No low-cut tops
No see-through clothing
Gap below armpit must not be larger than 3 inches
Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally

JEANS, PANTS, LEGGINGS & EXPOSED UNDERGARMENTS



No exposed undergarments
No pajamas or slippers

Clothing must not be ethnic or racially offensive nature, suggestive, indecent or associated with gangs or encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons or support discrimination.

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The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including parents, staff and students as they establish a school dress code policy.

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without being offended or disrupted by the way other students are dressed.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to: Comply

- with the school dress code.
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
 - No:
 - exposed undergarments
 - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
 - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
 - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with the inseam or out-seam shorter than the mid-thigh
 - pajamas or slippers
 - excessively low-cut tops
 - see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above) clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
 - Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
 - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers) Not wear items or markings
 - which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
 - Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.

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JULY 2022

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4th - 8th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days
18th - 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2022

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3rd - 196 Staff Return
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2022

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5th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff



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12th - End of 1st Grading Period
14th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2022

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21st - 25th - Thanksgiving Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff
24th - 25th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2022

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22nd - End of 2nd Grading Period
23rd - 30th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2023

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2nd - 6th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff
16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2023

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20th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2023

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10th - End of 3rd Grading Period
13th - 17th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff

APRIL 2023

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7th - Mini-Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

MAY 2023

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26th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff
29th - Memorial Day - All Staff
31st - Last Day for 196 Staff

JUNE 2023

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16th - Last Day for 220 Staff

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Last year, over \$2.4 million was unclaimed by eligible students in Sarasota County who did not complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The information gathered on the FAFSA provides the federal and state government, as well as most postsecondary institutions, with the financial information needed to determine the amount of financial aid that a student is eligible to receive, i.e. Pell Grants, Federal Direct Student Loans, etc. It is very important to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

FAFSA IS EASIER! The FAFSA uses “prior prior year” income tax returns, so you will use your 2021 return (which was submitted last year)! You may also be able to link the FAFSA to the IRS and transfer your information with the easy IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

It's not too late to file! File online NOW at www.FAFSA.GOV Step by step instructions are on the VHS Website > Resources > Venice High Downloads > FAFSA Steps.

BEWARE—Only use the [FAFSA.GOV](http://www.FAFSA.GOV) website! Do NOT use [FAFSA.com](http://www.FAFSA.com), [FAFSA.net](http://www.FAFSA.net), etc.! These are NOT the federal government's websites!!! They will collect your personal information and then charge you a \$70 - \$80 fee for the “free” application.

For help with the FAFSA, VHS seniors should visit Rotary Futures College Resource Center located across from the front office in the VHS Administration Building OR Michele Tippman, our Career Advisor, located in the Media Center.

www.Rotaryfutures.org

South Sarasota County College Night!

Tuesday, February 28 at Venice High School

Rotary Futures is sponsoring its 20th annual College Night on Tuesday, February 28th! All students are welcome to attend!

- 5:30pm - 6:00pm: Presentation in the gymnasium with University of Florida; Florida State University; University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, and Florida Southern college
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm: College Fair in the cafeteria (with 70 schools from around the country, with many Florida public and private schools in attendance)

Don't miss this awesome opportunity to learn about post-secondary options after graduation!

SCF Now Taking Applications!

Seniors--Do NOT delay in applying to State College of Florida (SCF). Applications are currently being accepted. Students must pay a \$20 enrollment deposit, which will be credited to their first semester. Also, SCF scholarships are dependent on your admission and completion of the FAFSA. Apply today at www.SCF.edu!

SENIORS - Class of 2023

FLORIDA AID and BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION

ANY SENIOR who wants to be considered for State of Florida scholarships or grants (including Bright Futures) MUST complete an on-line application prior to graduation called the “Florida Financial Aid Application” (not the FAFSA.) The application is ONLY FOR SENIORS.

To complete the application, visit the Rotary Futures for assistance or go to the Bright Futures website: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

Under “First Time Applicants,” click on “Create Student Account.” This is only the first step! Once the account is created, the next screen will have a link at the top of the page for the student to COMPLETE the Florida Financial Aid Application. NOTE—students will receive TWO emails during this application process. Save these email as they contain instructions on checking your status. The entire process will only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Check the Bright Futures website for the most current information regarding the scholarship program. www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program is subject to change annually by the state legislature. Check the Bright Futures website for the most up-to-date information on qualifications, award amounts, etc. www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

The Rotary Futures College Resource Center can help you check your Bright Futures status, or juniors and seniors can check their Bright Futures report on the Transcript tab of their Family Access Portals.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements (see website for up-to-date info.):

- Minimum Core Academic GPA:
 - Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) = 3.5+
 - Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) = 3.0+
 - Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) = 3.0+
 - ◊ AND 3.5 GPA in a CTE Pathway
- Minimum Test Scores:
 - FAS requires a minimum superscore 1330 SAT (going up to a 1340 for the class of 2024)

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- and later) only OR a 29 ACT composite score;
- FMS requires a minimum superscore 1210 SAT only OR a 25 ACT composite score;
- For GSV (subscores are used from standardized tests for GSV)
 - ◇ SAT = 24 Reading, 25 Writing/Language, 24 Math
 - ◇ ACT = 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math OR
 - ◇ PERT = 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math
- Community Service/Employment Hours: (Turn in hours to Michele Tippman: Michele.Tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net or to her office in the Media Center)
 - FAS = 100 hours OR 100 employment hours; FMS = 75 hours OR 100 employment hours; GSV 30 hours OR 100 employment hours. You may NOT combine service hours with employment hours.

Senior Scholarship Evening Celebration

Monday, May 15th, 2023 in the VPAC (Invitations will be given to Seniors receiving scholarships in early May)

Please save the date – Monday, May 15th, at 7:00pm. We still need to collect scholarship information! To be included in Senior Scholarship Night, you must email your scholarship information to Mrs. Joyner by May 1st, Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net OR rotaryfutures@gmail.com

In the email include the following: 1) Senior's name, 2) Scholarship name, 3) Scholarship amount, 4) Whether the scholarship is renewable (for example \$1000 per year for four years, so \$4000 total.)

Please report ALL scholarships including College scholarships and private, local, state and national scholarships. Due to time constraints, only college scholarships you will be accepting will be included in Senior Awards Night. (Also, Bright Futures scholarships will not be recognized at Senior Awards Night because final determination is not made until July.)

Teen Leadership Venice

For Rising Sophomores and Juniors Build Your Resume – Apply Soon!

Teen Leadership Venice is a program of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce providing area high school students a chance to enhance their knowledge of their community. Through onsite tours and meetings with community leaders they will develop skills that will empower and motivate them.

During this exciting program, students attend an Opening Retreat, 7 Program Days (one per month) and a Closing Retreat/Graduation. The days are practical in nature with hands-on activities. Program Days deal with specific facets of the community such as government, law enforcement, human services, arts and culture, commerce and industry, and local history. Each day combines a behind-the-scenes experience with a great deal of

interaction with the appropriate community leaders.

Students from Venice High School who will be Sophomores or Juniors during the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to apply. For additional information contact Barbara Hines, Leadership Venice Director, at the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. bhines@venicechamber.com or 941.800.1482.

SENIORS—IMPROVE TEST SCORES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES! JUNIORS—TAKE YOUR SAT and ACT NOW!

Seniors— You may test through June 2023 to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program. Remember to always send your test scores to a state university so Bright Futures will have access to your score. You have 4 free score reports to send when you register for the test.

Juniors— Do not wait to take your first test until your senior year. Take your SAT and ACT before the end of your junior year. We suggest you take both the SAT and ACT to determine if you score better on one test than the other. Colleges will accept either test, and they will use the best score—no matter which test. Colleges will not even begin to review your application for admission until they have received your test scores and other required materials.

ACT Prep Course— Rotary Futures is sponsoring an ACT Prep Course at Venice High School that will be taught by Ali Tozer, owner of SPS Tutoring. Register at Rotary Futures for the four-course class from 6-8pm in the TEL LAB (4-262) on 3/27; 3/30; 4/3; and 4/5. The course tuition is \$175 and includes the ACT Prep Book. Students MUST register and pay in advance at Rotary Futures!

Optional Essay/Writing tests are NOT required by Florida colleges and universities, but they may be required by out-of-state colleges/universities. Check specific colleges for requirements. The following are the remaining test dates and registration deadlines (without late fees) for the SAT and ACT:

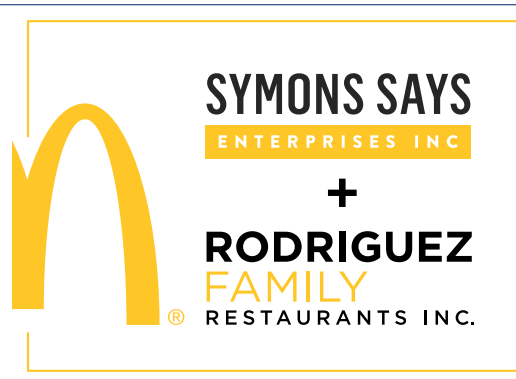
SAT	March 11, 2023	Deadline—February 10
ACT	April 15, 2023	Deadline – March 10th
SAT	May 6, 2023	Deadline – April 7th
SAT	June 3, 2023	Deadline – May 3rd
ACT	June 10, 2023	Deadline – May 5th
ACT	July 15, 2023	Deadline – June 23rd

Test scores will be posted to your online account about 2-3 weeks after the test dates.

Waivers for test fees are available for students who receive free or reduced lunch. To obtain waivers, contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center.

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- Work with friends
- Scholarships
- Free Meals
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Bell Schedule



VHS BELL SCHEDULE 2022-2023 Mon-Thurs

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
<i>Moment of Silence 7:30-7:31am</i>											
1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50	1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50	1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50
2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49	2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49	2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49
3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49	3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49	3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49
4th lunch	10:09 AM	10:39 AM	0:30	4	10:14 AM	11:03 AM	0:49	4	10:14 AM	11:03 AM	0:49
5	10:44 AM	11:33 AM	0:49	5th lunch	11:03 AM	11:33 AM	0:30	5	11:08 AM	11:57 AM	0:49
6	11:38 AM	12:27 PM	0:49	6	11:38 AM	12:27 PM	0:49	6th lunch	11:57 AM	12:27 PM	0:30
7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49	7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49	7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49
8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49	8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49	8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49

Friday's Announcement VHS BELL SCHEDULE 2022-23

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
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2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48	2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48	2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48
3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48	3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48	3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48
4th lunch	10:16 AM	10:46 AM	0:30	4	10:21 AM	11:08 AM	0:47	4	10:21 AM	11:08 AM	0:47
5	10:51 AM	11:38 AM	0:47	5th lunch	11:08 AM	11:38 AM	0:30	5	11:13 AM	12:01 PM	0:48
6	11:43 AM	12:31 PM	0:48	6	11:43 AM	12:31 PM	0:48	6th lunch	12:01 PM	12:31 PM	0:30
7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47	7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47	7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47
8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47	8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47	8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47

VHS Mental Health BELL SCHEDULE 2022-2023

9/28, 10/26, 11/30, 12/14, 1/25, 2/15, 3/29, 4/26

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
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2	8:20 AM	9:01 AM	0:41	2	8:20 AM	9:01 AM	0:41	2	8:20 AM	9:01 AM	0:41
3	9:06 AM	9:47 AM	0:41	3	9:06 AM	9:47 AM	0:41	3	9:06 AM	9:47 AM	0:41
MH	9:47 AM	10:40 AM	0:53	MH	9:47 AM	10:40 AM	0:53	MH	9:47 AM	10:40 AM	0:53
4th lunch	10:40 AM	11:10 AM	0:30	4	10:45 AM	11:27 AM	0:42	4	10:45 AM	11:27 AM	0:42
5	11:15 AM	11:57 AM	0:42	5th Lunch	11:27 AM	11:57 AM	0:30	5	11:32 AM	12:13 PM	0:41
6	12:02 PM	12:43 PM	0:41	6	12:02 PM	12:43 PM	0:41	6th Lunch	12:13 PM	12:43 PM	0:30
7	12:48 PM	1:29 PM	0:41	7	12:48 PM	1:29 PM	0:41	7	12:48 PM	1:29 PM	0:41
8	1:34 PM	2:15 PM	0:41	8	1:34 PM	2:15 PM	0:41	8	1:34 PM	2:15 PM	0:41

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Graduation Information

When can I pick up my cap/gown package?

Cap/gown packages will be distributed **May 15th, 2023 at 7:30am** at the **MANDATORY** meeting. You must submit completed "Ticket Out" and be on track for Graduation to pick up your cap/gown.

What is the "Ticket Out"?

"Ticket Out" will be available starting May 8th in the office suites. Fines must be paid to have the ticket signed. You will also indicate your plans after high school on the ticket. If you need a transcript sent, you will indicate where you need it sent.

What day is graduation?

Friday, May 19th at 8pm on the Powell-Davis Football Stadium.

Will it be live streamed?

Yes. Link will be posted on school website the week of Graduation

When is graduation rehearsal?

Mandatory rehearsal is on Thursday, May 18th at 4pm. Check in starts at 3:30pm. Check in at the outside entrance to the new gym, by the football stadium. **No rehearsal = No graduation**

What time do the gates to the stadium open for the graduation?

Gates will open at 6:30pm.

Can we bring a cooler, beach ball, air horn, or other noise maker?

NO! Concession stand will be open selling drinks and light snacks. Air horns and noise makers are not permitted and use could delay the ceremony.

How are the graduates organized?

SGA speakers and graduation speaker

Girls are in alphabetical order on the home side Boys are in alphabetical order on the visitor side.

How many people can we bring to graduation? Do we need tickets?

This is **NOT** a ticketed event. All are welcome.

Is handicap seating and parking available?

Yes. First come, first serve

What is the dress code for graduating seniors?

Dress code is business. No jeans. Sneakers are allowed. *High heeled shoes are NOT recommended for Graduation*

Do I get my diploma the night of graduation?

No. Diplomas are tentatively scheduled to be distributed the week of July 17th.

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National Social Studies Honors Society

Rho Kappa (National Social Studies Honors Society) hosted another successful induction on January 19th at Venice High School. The club welcomed 12 new members including Kayla Anahtarci, Bailey Barnes, Olivia Butzko, Ryan Curtiss, Louis Duran, Madison Egan, Amelia Hankiewicz, Riley Highfield, Ary Lovely, and Megan Sprague. Rho Kappa is honored to introduce these scholars who lead their studies by example."

Important Testing Dates/Windows

Spring 2023

Revised 2-6-23

When?	What?	Who?
Feb 13 – March 3	WIDA Testing	ESOL Students
Feb 22 & 23	Algebra EOC Retakes	As needed for credit/graduation
Feb 27 – March 1	FSA ELA Retakes	As needed for graduation
March 1 – 24	AP2 Benchmarks – Alg 1, Geo, Bio, US Hist	All students enrolled in these classes
March 6 – 10	PERT	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
March 28	ACT NCR	Seniors for Grad Requirements
April 12	SAT NCR	Seniors for Grad Requirements
April 18	ACT State Testing	All Juniors (2024 Cohort)
Apr 24 – Apr 28	FCLE – Florida Civics Literacy Exam	All students enrolled in Gov
May 1 – 19	FAST/EOC's – Eng1/2, Alg1, Geo, Bio, USHist	All students in these courses
May 22 – 26	Final Exams/LEOC's	All students

***IB and AP Testing also takes place in May



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DATE	HOME/AWAY	OPPONENT	TIME
2/14	Away Pre-Season	ODA	7:00
2/17	Home Pre-Season	ODA	7:00
2/20	Home	St. John Neumann	7:00
2/24	Home	Parrish	7:00
2/28	Away	Riverview	7:00
3/1	Away	Cardinal Mooney	4:00
3/2	Away	Tampa Jesuit	7:00
3/6	Home	Bradén River	7:00
3/9	Away	Sarasota	7:00
3/10	Home	Island Coast	7:00
3/14	Home	Cardinal Mooney	7:00
3/15	Home	Palmetto	7:00
3/24	Home	Riverview	7:00
3/25	Home (Veterans Night)	Out of Door Academy	5:00
3/30	Away	Fl. Christian (IMG Tournament)	4:00 Field #2
3/31	Away	Cullman AI (IMG Tournament)	4:00 Stadium
3/31	Away	Mnt. Brook HS (IMG Tournament)	7:00 Field #3
4/1	Away	TBA (IMG Tournament)	TBA
4/4	Home	Parkview GA	7:00
4/5	Home	Lakewood Ranch	7:00
4/11	Home	Calvary Christian	7:00
4/13	Away	Out of Door Academy	7:00
4/14	Braves Stadium	Sarasota	7:00
4/18	Away	Calvary Christian	7:00
4/20	Home	Tampa Jesuit	7:00
4/24	Away	Parrish	6:00
4/27	Home	Naples	7:00
5/1-5/5	District Tournament	District Tournament	TBA

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Venice FBLA Inducts Officers and Members 2022-23

As is tradition, the FBLA organization at Venice High School held an induction ceremony for its eight officers and 77 members. The event took place on November 11th at the Venice Performing Arts Center. Ms. Zubyk, adviser, was authorized to conduct the installation of Venice High School into the National Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Kai Cameron and Roman Khrushchinskiy were recognized for qualifying for Nationals in Chicago.

A special thanks to Principal Kerestely, Nadia Carlston, and Monique Corso for helping to make the ceremony a success!



Officers

Kayla Anahtarci - Parliamentarian
 Roman Khrushchinskiy- Historian
 Paxton Barrick - Reporter
 Kai Cameron & Matthew Danz - Treasurers
 Destiny Salomon - Secretary
 Brady Robertson - Vice President
 Trent Young - President

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 Simon Ayer
 Jack Bertram
 Holly Bielanski
 Kylie Bishop
 Christopher Blow
 Ryan Bouhamid
 Ryan Brooks
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Students who are accepted into the Medical Academy will take the following courses:

Health Science Anatomy and Physiology (10th grade) is an honors level and equally rigorous science course that takes students on an in-depth look at the human body systems. Students will learn how the structures in each body system work to perform various functions to sustain life. Students will have the opportunity to perform lab skills such as taking measurements, making predictions and observations, and utilizing tools to perform dissection. **Students must be accepted into the Medical Academy through the application process to take this course. Scan the QR code to access the application.**



Health Science Foundations (11th grade) is an honors level course that covers a broad range of healthcare-related topics including medical terminology, ethics and legal responsibilities, professional level first aid/CPR, infection control, and vital signs. Prerequisite 80% or better in Health Science Anatomy and Physiology (or equivalent course).

EKG Technician (12th grade) is an honors level course that focuses on in-depth instruction of the cardiovascular system including training in the appropriate theories, instrumentation and pharmaceuticals used in by health care providers. Students in this course will take the **NHA EKG Technician Certification** exam. In addition to EKG technician content, other skills such as sterile technique and phlebotomy may be covered. Prerequisite 80% or better in Health Science Foundations (or equivalent course).

We also offer an elective course for incoming 9th graders called **Medical Skills and Services** which focuses on career exploration, medical terminology and basic health care skills including bystander CPR/AED and First Aid which will be built upon throughout the program. This course include vocabulary and reading and therefore it is suggested that students be reading at or above grade level. **We ask that students fill out the online Interest Survey which can be scanning the QR code.**



For more information regarding admission requirements, health care community partnerships and how our courses fit with accelerated programs such as International Baccalaureate and Dual Enrollment visit our website <https://vhsma.com> or contact Mrs. Lash at lash@sarasotacountyschools.net.



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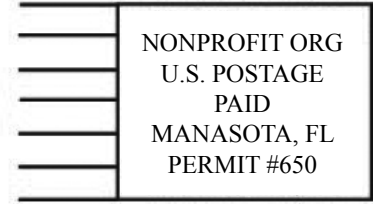


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VHS Drama Department

The VHS Drama Department’s Spring Musical this year will be *Legally Blonde: the musical*. It is the first full-scale musical in the history of Venice High School. Rehearsals started in November with a cast of singers, dancers, and actors all working together. Starz Choice Dance Academy owner Cathleen McClendon and two of her instructors, Shaeleen Guido and Shonda Conner Potts are Choreographing the show and Venice Theatre Musical Director Michelle Kasanofsky is teaching the music. It is directed by the VHS Drama Teacher Cassandra Trascik who was the former VPAC Manager before stepping into the teaching position. Her creative team include VHS Staff John Hearon, Alicia Merritt-Winters, and Jeanette Moore. Her student management team include Kat Lane – Asst. Director, Arianna Sanchez – Stage Manager, MJ Jeanette – Asst. Stage Manager, Charlie Douglas – Asst. Stage Manager, and Brian Hendricks – Asst. Stage Manager.

Legally Blonde: the musical is based on the novel and the hit-movie of the same name. *Legally Blonde: the musical* chronicles the journey of the famously perky Elle Woods, a fashion-savvy, UCLA sorority girl who finds her life turned upside down when she is dumped by her boyfriend Warner. With the help of her supportive and silly sorority sisters she decides to prove to Warner that she is more than just some blonde who loves pink, she follows him to Harvard Law, where she struggles to fit in and do well. Elle discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others and how friends can help you though anything. Ultimately, she defies expectations and manages to stay true to her delightfully pink personality.

The cast includes: Kiley Berkery as Elle Woods, Julianna Burns as Margot, Mia Pugliares as Serena, Ella Piotrowski as Pilar, Van Dinverno as Warner, Mars Vance as Emmett, Sophie Buchmeier as Vivienne, Hunter Lariviere as Professor Callahan, Gianna Weerasooriya as Paulette, Lily Figueroa as Brooke, Riley Boock as Enid, Marissa Fordham as Chutney, Reegan Mitchell as Kate, Ashley Lucia as Whitney, Daniela Morales, Kei Cris, Elisa Matos, & Lillie Lege as the Greek Chorus, Isaac Dodge as Aaron, Anthony D’Angelo as Sundeep, Owen Busalacki as Kyle, Isabel Rodriguez as a Featured Dancer, and Caroline Kinsela, Julia Costello, Emmalee Gentry as Ensemble.

Tickets are available online at <https://veniceperformingartscenter.com/events/>. They are \$15 per person with assigned seating chosen during purchase. The show runs Tuesday, April 4th at 7pm, Wednesday, April 5th at 7pm, Thursday, April 6th at 7pm, and Friday, April 7th at 7pm. The show will run around 2 hours and 15 min with a 15 intermission. The show is not appropriate for children under the age of 12 due to adult references. You may look at the Broadway production on YouTube to pre-view or call the box office with any questions at 941-218-0658.

Come support these talented VHS students in the landmark production for the Venice High School Community! Volunteers and Donations accepted gratefully.

